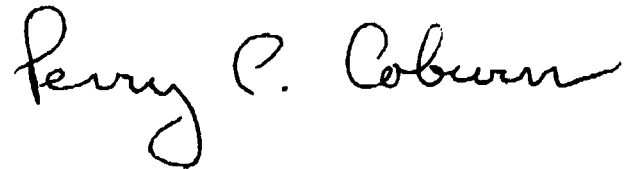


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State of Alaska  
Local Boundary Commission  
550 W. 7th Avenue, suite 1790  
Anchorage, Alaska 99051

Dear Commissioners:

To whom it may concern: In the years from 1959, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough was formed surrounding Ketchikan, and the North end of the Tongass Highway was annexed, after a local election. The borough proponents at the time promised us fire protection, a water system, and a sewer system. We thought that was a good idea, so we voted to form a new borough for the area. We paid \$50.00 per year in borough taxes. After that, our taxes increased to \$500.00 per year, and then two years later, to \$1,200.00 per year, but never did we get any fire protection, sewage, and water system. This was just a ploy to get us to vote in a borough government! Do not vote in favor of a borough for Prince of Wales Island, as we will experience the same as we did in Ketchikan! We are 25 year residents of Kasaan, and my wife is a Haida Indian, years before this cockeyed idea ever came up!



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